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The Secretary-General has received the following written statement which is circulated in accordance with Economic and Social Council resolution 1996/31.

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Necessity of Addressing the Rights of the Victims of Terrorist Attack on Shahcheragh Holy Shrine in the Islamic Republic of Iran

According to many experts, terrorism in its expanding process has destroyed many human values and disregarding its aspects has discredited international bodies. Although terrorism is an old actor in politics, international relations and inter-governmental level, in addition to being an actor, in the challenges of recent years in addition to being an actor it has played role as a director of many international incidents in recent years.

In contrast, the evidence shows that the governments and institutions in charge of countering this heinous phenomenon have not chosen the way of resistance and fighting against the shocking crimes of terrorists, but took a double standard approach which led the superpowers to ignore the majority of the terrorist crimes in the world. When counter-terrorism resolutions and rules in the UN Secretariat and the archives of national anti-terrorism organization are overlooked in different countries, members of terrorist groups attend international events of the UN and the meetings of parliaments of Western states, in disguise of human rights defenders while continuing their threatening and anti-human goals.

On the other hand, it seems that the international community and public opinion have also lost their sensitivity to the killing of innocent people by terrorist groups. The last reason for this claim is the indifference of states, UN officials and human rights activists to the brutal crime of terrorists in the attack on Shahcheragh Holy Shrine in Shiraz with 13 killed and 30 wounded. It was a crime that proved none of these bodies, had any feeling about the death of innocent people by the terrorists, other than expressing regret, and terrorism seems to be a normal issue for them.

Undoubtedly, sympathizing with the victims and condemning every terrorist crime, in addition to human obligation, is one of the most important unwritten provisions in UN resolutions and other protective and anti-terrorist laws in the world, but it is worth mentioning that the shadow of politics is more noticeable than the truth to shed light on the problems of humanity and clarify the facts.

The families of the victims of this terrorist attack call on the experts of the Independent International Fact-Finding Mission on the Islamic Republic of Iran, to clarify the hidden facts about this terrorist crime and its perpetrators while condemning the attack on Shahcheragh Holy Shrine in Shiraz.
